TSEF Executive Group Meeting

Online Meeting at 3.00pm on Thursday 25th June 2020

Notes & Actions

Present:
Grant Alexander- Link Group (Chair)
Blyth Deans - The Lennox Partnership
Amelia Morgan – Venture Trust
Leona McDermid – Aberdeen Foyer
Rachel Le Noan - SCVO
Louise Goodlad – Princes Trust
Jamie Rutherford – Enable Scotland
Lorna Forrest – SCVO (Notes)

Apologies:
Robin Turner – Routes to Work
Oxana McGregor Gunn – SAMH
Tommy McDade – Barnardos
Hazel Benza – Scottish Government

1. **Welcome and Agenda**

2. **Note of Last Meeting – Actions**

TSEF/SDS Involvement
A video-call is set-up with Elaine Walls and Fergus McMillan for Friday 26 June at 2pm to explore the SDS & TSEF relationship moving forward. GA will report back at next TSEF Exec meeting.

Other actions will be covered in the agenda.

3. **Network of Networks Meeting – Feedback (GA, RLN, AM, JR, RT)**

RT had previously tabled a paper and an initial meeting was convened by Kate Still on 19 June which a number of TSEF Exec members linked in to. It was agreed that there is a collective appetite for the Network of Networks, particularly at this time. A letter has been sent to the First Minister with an invitation to a round table discussion on 3 July. This will give the network the opportunity to set out its stall, scope out areas of common interest, and reinforce the contribution and wealth of knowledge within the sector. JR added that he is joining the network as chair of the Scottish Union of Supported Employment (SUSE). All agreed it has the potential to be a powerful voice, if people will listen. GA will share the final version of letter to the FM on the basecamp exec group.

4. **Youth Employment Group (YEG) discussion – Feedback (AM, LG, RLN, LM)**

The subgroup which was agreed at the last TSEF exec meeting has now met twice and this has been valuable to tease out how to move forward. AM noted there is now draft terms of reference (ToRs) and a draft Basecamp announcement in place, and they are thinking through timings and practicalities around the secretariat, which SCVO has offered to support. They are also considering the workstreams – using the UK YEG and AM's earlier paper as a starting point. To ensure there is pace at the outset it has been agreed that LM and AM will co-chair to begin with, and review in due course.

The Exec discussed the positioning of this subgroup, noting that it may be best placed as a thematic group, sitting under the auspices of the Network of Networks, enabling wider impact and strength of voice. Basecamp can still be used to galvanise third sector input, but all agreed (and this view is supported by Kate Still) that, although the group originated within TSEF, in the spirit of collaboration,

the Network of Networks feels the best place for agile positioning, alignment with NOLB and the wider UK group/ devolvement. AM will share the ToRs and the draft workstream paper when available.

5. SG Operational Group Meeting – Feedback (HB, RLN, AM)

AM confirmed that the most recent meeting of the Operational Group was held on Wednesday 17 June. There is no documented action plan available yet as Scottish Government is waiting for the recommendations from the Advisory Group on Economic Recovery and the Enterprise and Skills Subgroup.

RLN summarised the agenda items covered, which included a presentation from SDS on their data hub (which captures destination data on school leavers) and an item on a new group set up by SDS called Keeping Scotland Working, which is currently meeting twice weekly to discuss;

- YOUTH – Transitions, impact of Covid on Apprenticeships/recruitment
- ADULT TRANSITION – Regional impact on key sectors such as Hospitality and Retail
- SKILLS SHORTAGE – Impact of Brexit and reduction of foreign migrant workers
- FAIR WORK PRACTICE – Furlough and downsizing of companies
- AGILE SYSTEMS – Flexibility of funding and support for training providers

RLN added that she continues to request the need for communications from the group, which is set to move to monthly meetings from 15 July.

TSEF Exec members supported the need for improved data gathering and data sharing protocols. They also expressed some concern at the volume of groups and forums emerging, highlighting the need for better visibility and alignment of these. AM will share a mini governance paper from the Operational Group which maps out some of these groups.

AM noted that the Shared Measurement Framework group want to do a consultation piece on data gathering with service users. This is likely to come to the TSEF group next week and will be a good discussion piece for the wider TSEF community. Helen Harper is leading on this work, and she may also lead a future facilitated session. AM will share more information in due course.

6. Advisory Group Report

The response from the Advisory Group on Economic Recovery was published on 22 June 2020. All TSEF Exec members are asked to read the report and identify key elements for TSEF, and opportunities to involve the wider group. This will help us to have the wider view and our offer readily available, should we have an opportunity to contribute and respond to anything emerging from the Network of Networks.

7. Communications (GA)

GA asked that members continue to send invitations out to encourage people to join the wider TSEF basecamp community. RLN noted that there are c50 members now. Many of whom are small organisations. All TSEF members are also asked to prompt starter conversations on the forum, some ideas have been shared by LF and AM. JR's blog and an Employability Fund thread was also proposed.

8. Mental Health, Welfare Capability and Employment Workshop

JR is going to attend the workshop on Mon 6 July.

9. AOB

RLN asked that if anyone has an interest in, or wants to feedback on the first 2 weeks of the new ITA scheme they are welcome to send comments to her ahead of a meeting with SDS planned for 15 July.

Actions

ACTION	OWNER
Feedback on SDS/TSEF meeting	GA
Share the final version of letter to the FM on the basecamp exec group.	GA
YEG subgroup to share the draft ToRs and workstream paper when available	AM
Share mini governance paper from the Operational Group	AM
Share information on Shared Measurement Framework Group outputs	AM
Highlight key themes and opportunities emerging from the Advisory Group on Economic Recovery report	ALL
Prompt starter thread conversations on the wider Basecamp group	ALL